ASWM Assumption Sub-Workgroup Descriptions

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SUBWORKGROUP 1:

Program Development - Crafting Your 404 Program for Assumption

Topics Covered

- Acceptable frameworks for assumed §404 Programs
- Creating Monitoring and Assessment Elements of an Assumed §404 Program
- Creating Enforcement Elements of an Assumed §404 Program
- Creating Mitigation Elements of an Assumed §404 Program
- Developing Best Management Practices (BMPs)
- Incorporating Management of Mitigation Banks into an Assumed §404 Program
- Ongoing Review Tasks: Tribal Consultation, Coastal Consistency, ESA Review, 404(b)(1) Review – Economic, Aesthetic
- Umbrella Topic: Overcoming Legal and Regulatory Challenges

SUBWORKGROUP 2:

Package Development - Developing Your Complete Assumption Package

Topics Covered

- Elements of a Complete §404 Assumption Application
 - Developing Your Federal Consistency Analysis
 - Completing an Assumable Waters Analysis
 - Securing Necessary Data
 - Developing MOUs
 - Creating a Sustainable Funding Plan
 - Documenting BMPs
 - Additional Required documents
- Tools, Templates, Examples

SPECIAL TOPICS:

- Assumption 101 FULL WORKGROUP TOPIC
 - Potential Benefits of Assuming the §404 Program
 - Range of Responsibilities for those Assuming the §404 Program
 - Steps in the §404 Assumption Process
- Legal and Regulatory Barriers/Lessons Learned Element Of All Workgroup/Sub-workgroup Work
- Sustainable Funding for Assumption Programs FULL WORKGROUP TOPIC
 - Securing funding to explore assumption
 - o Developing a funding plan to develop an assumed program
 - Creating funding streams to sustain an assumed program
- Tribes and §404 Program Assumption SPECIAL DISCUSSION TOPICS/GROUP
 - Assumption of the §404 Program by tribes
 - Considerations for Tribes around State §404 Program Assumption
 - Tribal consultation as part of state assumption of the §404 Program
 - o Ongoing involvement of tribal consultation as part of assumed program activities